

### AFFIDAVIT OF KENNETH E. LAWSON

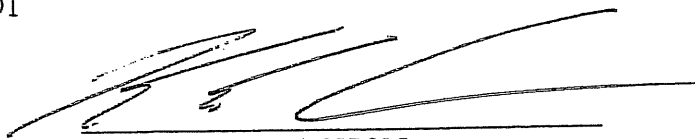
1. My name is Kenneth Eric Lawson. From March 26, 2002 until March 8, 2003, I was Assistant Secretary for Enforcement of the United States Treasury Department. Prior to and following that appointment, I have been a prosecutor with the Office of the United States Attorney, Middle District of Florida, Tampa, Florida, where I resided for seven years. I was Special Assistant United States Attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina while I served in the Marine Corps. I have been practicing law for approximately eleven years.
2. I am a graduate of Florida State University and Florida State University School of Law and served in the United States Marine Corps as a military prosecutor. I was on active duty from October 1991 to November 1993 and served as a Reserve Officer from November 1994 to January 1999.
3. I am competent to make this Affidavit and do so based on personal knowledge of the following facts.
4. I have been acquainted with Judge Gregory P. Holder since 1996. I was aware that he was a West Point graduate and that he later served in the United States Air Force. I was aware that he participated in Air War College ("AWC") and that he has achieved the rank of Colonel. I am aware of the controversy and allegations of plagiarism with regard to Judge Holder's AWC research paper submitted to the Air Force in January 1998. I am aware that this Air Force controversy has lead to the filing of Formal Charges by the Florida Judicial Qualifications Commission.
5. I have been questioned in a telephone conversation by Charles Pillans, Esq., counsel to the Florida Judicial Qualifications Commission Investigative Panel, as to my personal knowledge of certain related facts.
6. In late 1997 I contemplated participating in Air War College and had several conversations with Judge Holder on that topic. I was curious as to the time and writing requirements involved in the course. During telephone conversations in December Judge Holder volunteered that he had his first session "dirty purples" and would

copy them for me to review. He also volunteered that he had his recently-submitted Air War College paper as well as one from a friend of his if I wanted to see samples. He volunteered to have them copied and that I could pick them up at his new office at the Hillsborough County Main Courthouse building.

7. On a weekday evening after the close of business in early January 1998 I stopped at Judge Holder's office at the Courthouse and retrieved the documents, as per my conversation with Judge Holder. I recall seeing Judge Holder's AWC paper without a grade or other markings. I recall a paper by another AWC participant - also without a grade or markings. I viewed both papers, but did not "study" the papers in any detail. The papers did appear to be different papers and I did not notice any similarities.
8. Although I enrolled in the AWC program, I did not complete the program. In approximately September 2000 I discarded the copies of the AWC papers which I had received from Judge Holder.
9. I have known Jeffrey Del Fuoco for nine years and became acquainted him in the Office of the United States Attorney, Middle District of Florida. I know that when I was serving as a reserve officer in the United States Marine Corps Mr. Del Fuoco was serving as a reserve officer in the United States Army.
10. I recall that Jeffrey Del Fuoco was interested in the AWC program and I had several personal conversations with him on the topic. In fact, I raised the subject of enrolling in AWC with Mr. Del Fuoco to further his status as a reserve officer in the Army.
11. Although I gave Jeffrey Del Fuoco copies of the "dirty purples" and the papers, I never received from any source and/or gave to Jeffrey Del Fuoco a copy of an AWC paper written by Judge Holder containing a grade or any other markings.
12. I never received from any source and/or gave to Jeffrey Del Fuoco a copy of an AWC paper written by then-Lt. Col. Mary V. Perry which contained a grade or other markings.

13. I had not been acquainted with then-Lt. Col. Perry and, in fact, was introduced to her for the first time within the past two years when she was a Colonel.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT



KENNETH E. LAWSON

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2003, by KENNETH E. LAWSON, who is personally known to me or has produced \_\_\_\_\_ as a form of identification.



Virginia M. Zock  
MY COMMISSION # DD058031 EXPIRES  
September 18, 2005  
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Notary Public

State of Florida

My Commission expires 9/18/05